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Appl. No. 09/787,998  
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Applicants : Hirofumi TAKETSU et al.  
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Title : Fuel Tank Made From Aluminum Coated Steel Sheet  
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action of May 16, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A response was due on August 16, 2003. Since August 16 was a Saturday, this Amendment is being timely filed on Monday, August 18, 2003.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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